

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- Claim 1. **(Currently Amended)** A method in a computer system for transferring a file to another computer comprising:
- sending a file to a receiver;
 - determining whether the file has been successfully transferred to the receiver; and
 - if the file has not been successfully transferred to the receiver, attempting to send the file to the receiver up to a preset number of times[.];
 - sending the file to a backup receiving location if attempting to send the file to the receiver up to the preset number of times fails;
 - determining whether the file has been successfully transferred to the backup receiving location; and
 - if the file has not been successfully transferred to the backup receiving location, attempting to send the file to the backup receiving location up to a preset number of times;
 - wherein the identification of said backup receiving location is predetermined by the receiver.
- Claim 2. **(Original)** The method as in claim 1 further comprising:
- sending a file delivery notification if the file is successfully sent to the receiver.
- Claim 3. **(Original)** The method as in claim 2 wherein said file delivery notice comprises:
- name of said file;
 - size of said file;
 - origin of said file; and
 - location of said file.
- Claim 4. **(Original)** The method as in claim 2 wherein the file delivery notification is sent to the receiver via email or World Wide Web (WWW).
- Claim 5. **(Original)** The method as in claim 1 further comprising:
- sending a failure notification to the receiver if attempting to send the file up to the preset number of times fails.
- Claim 6. **(Original)** The method as in claim 5 wherein said failure notification comprises:
- failure status;
 - name of the file;
 - size of the file; and
 - location of the file.

Claim 7. **(Original)** The method as in claim 5 wherein the failure notification is sent to the receiver via email or World Wide Web (WWW).

Claim 8. **(Canceled)**

Claim 9. **(Canceled)**

Claim 10. **(Currently Amended)** The method as in claim 8¹ further comprising:
sending a file delivery notification if the file is successfully sent to the receiver.

Claim 11. **(Original)** The method as in claim 10 wherein said file delivery notice comprises:
name of said file;
size of said file;
origin of said file; and
location of said file.

Claim 12. **(Original)** The method as in claim 10 wherein the file delivery notification is sent to the receiver via email or World Wide Web (WWW).

Claim 13. **(Once Amended)** The method as in claim 8¹ further comprising:
if the file is not delivered to the backup receiving location, sending a failure notification to the receiver.

Claim 14. **(Original)** The method as in claim 13 wherein said failure notification comprises:
failure status;
name of the file;
size of the file; and
location of the file.

Claim 15. **(Original)** The method as in claim 13 wherein the failure notification is sent to the receiver via email or World Wide Web (WWW).

Claim 16. **(Currently Amended)** The method as in claim 8¹ further comprising:
if attempting to send the file to the backup receiving location up to the preset number of times fails
(a) sending the file to a next backup receiving location;
(b) determining whether the file has been successfully transferred to the next backup receiving location; and
(c) if the file has not been successfully transferred to the next backup receiving location, attempting to send the file to the next backup receiving location up to a preset number of times.

Claim 17. **(Original)** The method as in claim 16 further comprising:

sending a file delivery notification if the file is successfully sent to the receiver.

Claim 18. **(Original)** The method as in claim 17 wherein said file delivery notice comprises:

- name of said file;
- size of said file;
- origin of said file; and
- location of said file.

Claim 19. **(Original)** The method as in claim 17 wherein the file delivery notification is sent to the receiver via email or World Wide Web (WWW).

Claim 20. **(Original)** The method as in claim 16 further comprising:
continuing to perform the steps (a) through (c) until the file is successfully transferred to one of next backup receiving locations.

Claim 21. **(Original)** The method as in claim 20 further comprising:
if the file is not delivered to any of the backup receiving locations, sending a failure notification to the receiver.

Claim 22. **(Original)** The method as in claim 21 wherein said failure notification comprises:

- failure status;
- name of the file;
- size of the file; and
- location of the file.

Claim 23. **(Original)** The method as in claim 21 wherein the failure notification is sent to the receiver via email or World Wide Web (WWW).

Claim 24. **(Allowed)** A method in a computer system for transferring a file to another computer comprising:

- sending a file to a receiver;
- determining whether the file has been successfully transferred to the receiver;
- if the file has not been successfully transferred to the receiver, attempting to send the file to the receiver up to a preset number of times;
- sending the file to a backup receiving location if attempting to send the file to the receiver up to the preset number of times fails and the backup receiving location exists;
- determining whether the file has been successfully transferred to the backup receiving location; and
- if the file has not been successfully transferred to the first backup receiving location, attempting to send the file to the first backup receiving location up to a preset number of times;

wherein identification of said backup receiving location is predetermined by the receiver.